Ctitral Health Service$_a$ Cmand'[1],* suitable non-practising allowance (NPA) or permission in practice after working hours;

(b) if so, what are the details Hereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in thi$_s$ regard?

THE MINISTER *OV* HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE \$t£ll P. V. NARASIMHA RAO). (a) to (c) S-ecialist Grade Officers Associatioj of Central Health Service has sub-mited representation to the Government demanding Non-practising Allowance 50 per cent of basic pay without any ceiling and as part of basic pay. The recommendation of IV Pay Commission in regard to rate$_s$ of Non-Practising Allowance payable to doctors is still under consideration of the Government.

Inconvenience to passengers travelling i$_n$ reserved compartments

1821. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to difficulties faced by passengers travelling in reserved coaches due to unauthorised passengers entering the reserved coaches;

(b) whether the ticket collectors concerned never bother themselves about the entry of such (unauthorised passengers in the reserved coaches; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated to make t'ne ticket collectors more vigilant an check the entry of unauthorised passengers into reserved coaches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): <a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Preventing entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches is one of the duties of the Railway Staff including TTEs manning these coaches and any lapse in this regard is taken up.

The following steps have also been taken to prevent th$_e$ entry of unauthorised persons in reserved coaches:—

(i) Short distance passengers including season ticket holders are debarred from travelling in reserved coaches.

(ii) Intensive ticket checking is conducted on sections where the problem of unauthorised short dis tance passengers entering into re served coaches is rampant and the defaulters are taken up under the Indian Railways Act.

Railway Container Services

1822. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are th$_e$ railway stations where the domestic container service ds available in the country;

(b) whether there has been increase or decline in the earnings from the container service during the last three years; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to make the domestic container service more popular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Domestic Container Service is available at New Delhi, Wadi Bunder (Bombay) Carnac Bridge (Bombay), Tondiarpet (Madras), Bangalore, Shalimar (Calcutta), Howrah (Calcutta) and Secunderabad terminals.